Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether there are officers or any set of officers exempted from payment of tolls?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar ; Certain P. W. D. officers who directly deal with tolls are exempted from payment, But they make half yearly lump sum payments to Government in lieu of tolls.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether the Police officers who travel on duty are exempted from payment of tolls?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar ; Some officers are exempted as per Notification issued by Government, while publishing the invitation for tenders.

Report of the Oodukur Special Officer.

26. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the 'Oodukur Special Officer' appointed by Government a few years back has submitted any report ; if so, what action has been taken thereon ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : Yes ; the Oodukur Special Officer has submitted his report. The same is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know Sir, when the Special Officer submitted his report?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : Some time last year.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Will the honourable member be definite about the date ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : In 1114.

Buses in the Nagercoil-Trivandrum line.

27 ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the number of buses plying in the Nagercoil-Trivandrum line ;

(*b*) the number of buses that were running on the above route when the Pioneer Motor Service was conducting the service ; and

(*c*) whether the travelling public are put to great hardship and inconvenience due to the paucity of buses in regular service?

Mr. K. Sankaran (*Ag Secretary to Government*) ; (*a*) 20.

(*b*) 110 buses belonging to different bus owners were permitted to run on alternate days.

(*c*) Government are not aware of any such hardship.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know Sir, whether the traffic has increased after the State Transport Buses began to ply ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : There is not any appreciable increase.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Sir, with reference to answer to

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